"... An' the gobble-uns 'at gits you—Ef You Don't Watch Out!"

It would take a James Whitcomb Riley and a Little Orphant Annie to do justice to the witch tales of Western diplomacy today. Above (right) Watchman Dwight Eisenhower from his Paris beacon looks eastward on the alert for the red horde threatening to sweep over western Europe. Above (left) the horde-like goblin sighted is Paulina Aftimescu, a member of the Desrobirea Muncii collective farm in Dolj, Rumania, helping to gather in the harvest. For other signs of communist "aggression," see War & Peace, right.

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WAR & PEACE

U.S. says: 'Let's kill'; Russians say: 'Let's talk it over'

ALL week long the latest and best techniques of "killing Communists" preoccupied Washington legislators and military chiefs. Before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees considering the President's right to send troops abroad a string of experts outlined plans to "pulverize" Russia with A-bombs. But GI's must go to Europe, said the brass, because "you cannot pulverize Russia without adequate time."

The senators were assured there would be no interference from the UN or U.S. allies when the time came to drop the bombs. To Sen. Hickenlooper's complaint that the Atlantic Treaty was presented to the Senate in 1949 as "within the purview of the UN and all tied up with it," Sen. Connally angrily replied:

> "The Atlantic Pact has nothing to do with the UN. We can do what we want under it."

In major editorials the Morgan-controlled weeklies **Time** and **Life** announced the aim of U.S. policy to be preventive war. State Dept. troubleshooter Philip Jessup rose to deny this. Yet if anything but atomic pulverization of peoples rejecting Washington was the goal of U. S. policy, it was not readily apparent in its operations around the world.

BLOOD IN A BARREL: In Korea "Operation Killer" claimed to be "killing Communists" in greater numbers than Germans were killed in the last weeks of the battle of Stalingrad. The claims were ludicrous, but a corporal in a letter from the front to the Chicago **Tribune** reminded headline spectators that the dead were not all Chinese and Koreans: "The system here is like pouring men's blood in the top of a barrel with the spigot left open." No U.S. or UN spokesmen defined the purposes of the slaughter. The UN Good Offices Committee sought to approach Peking through the Swedish representative there but had received no reply. The UN Sanctions Committee scheduled another meeting to map plans for action. U.S. Admiral Struble conferred with Chiang Kai-shek on "defenses" of Formosa.

A Pacific Pact headed by the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, designed to establish a Monroe Doctrine for the Pacific, seemd to be in the making under the guiding hand of John Foster Dulles, completing a far-flung Far Eastern trip. The Pact would accompany a peace treaty with Japan, by which the U.S. would use that country as a military base.

WHO'S AGGRESSIVE? In "Document 4125" on the prospects for success of a four-power conference with Russia, Washington clearly suggested Soviet-Western differences could be resolved only by war. "It would be an extraordinary conference," the document said, "that could resolve such differences as have already produced a war in Asia."

The U.S.S.R. continued to reject this view. In a strong but conciliatory note replying to British charges that the chief cause of world tension came from Russia, Moscow made these points:

- It is ready to enter negotiations with Britain, to use "all opportunities for improving relations," although it lacks "full confidence" in Britain's desire for better relations.
- The peoples of Eastern Europe and of Asia have the same right as any other peoples to conduct their own affairs in the light of their national interests. As for Asia:

> To accuse the Soviet Government of the existence in different countries of liberation movements caused by the oppression

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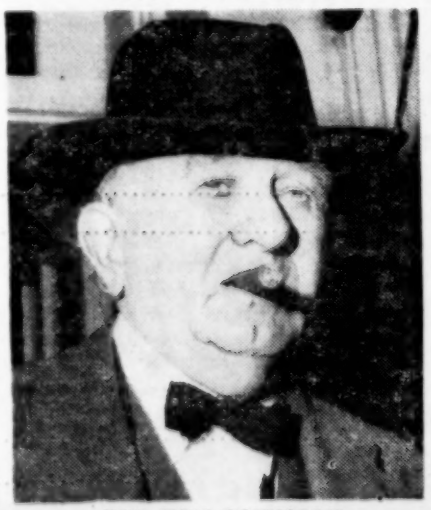

SEN. TOM CONNALLY
The sky's the limit

REPORT TO READERS

Peace, progress & the press

A REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT has been occurring in America in these last three months.

Whereas in the 1950 elections peace candidates were able to muster out scarcely 750,000 votes nationally, peace is now the growing demand of literally millions throughout the nation.

There is hardly a community in America where peace is not fervently advocated today by people who dared not speak up yesterday—and this in spite of the most determined efforts of the war cabal and its camp-following press and radio to isolate, malign, intimidate, damage and even jail those who have led the fight for peace.

The factors responsible for this ground-swell for peace are many, but the most important one to us is the contribution of American progressives in creating a national political party which has kept alive the possibility of alternatives to a new war.

NOW COMES A NEW and vital phase in the work of American progressives:

- To achieve a policy of peace, the American people must stage revolts inside the old political parties or else constitute themselves a winning plurality outside the old parties.
- Such a political upturn is conceivable only if the American public can somehow come into possession of the information and background on the war parties which is now withheld from them.

This is where the American progressive comes in a-fresh; and this is where we hope you will agree NATIONAL GUARDIAN comes in, too.

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Something extra special coming in the mail

NO OTHER PUBLICATION in America today reaches into all 48 states and more than 4,000 communities with the kind of information the GUARDIAN provides.

No other group in America except the progressives can or will undertake the task of providing the public with this kind of information; and so far no group apart from the GUARDIAN readers themselves has seriously undertaken to make it available to new people on a regular basis. So it is again up to us to get things rolling—beginning right here.

WE OF THE GUARDIAN have conceived this paper primarily as an instrument for this task. Obviously, the more widely we can reach people the more effective we can be, not only in terms of greater currency of the information involved but also in a constantly expanding and improving publication which increasing income would permit.

We have proposed several ways for you as an individual to make the GUARDIAN available to people around you. One way is indicated in this and every issue of the GUARDIAN, in the subscription coupon always appearing below on this page. Another way which hundreds of readers are finding effective is to take a compact weekly bundle of five papers ($5 a year) and redistribute them by mail or by hand, collecting for them if you wish.

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JOHN T. McMANUS
for the Editors and Staff

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THE MAIL BAG

Where are they?

JACKSON HEIGHTS, N. Y.

Elmer Benson is on the beam.

Where are the picketers, which should be the function of every church that professes to be Christian? Where are the sandwich-boards reading "Thou Shalt Not Kill," "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself"? Where is the church that will drape itself in mourning, and where the "servants of God" who will wear sack-cloth and ashes for men—not of men?

Dorothy Butler Howells

Time is up

LAS VEGAS, NEV.

Up here checking on the world's newest alarm clock. It rings and then blows up everything.

Frank Scully

Dare we hope reader-author Scully ("Behind the Flying Saucers") again traces the mischief to Saucerians? Ed.

Give the Lady back?

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

I make a motion that the Statue of Liberty be returned to France from where it came as a gift to this country in 1884, a gift paid for by penny contributions of her school kids, or else name it the Statue of Mis-Representation. Who seconds the motion?

I came to this free country over 45 years ago, to escape from military service in France. The reasons? My father had fought in the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-71; my three oldest brothers had each served three years in the army; one of them came back home a physical and mental wreck. But look at what we've got here now, in this land of the free!

I haven't as yet met a Communist in the flesh. Do they look different from other homo sapiens?

The GUARDIAN is doing a splendid job. Don't relent, be audacious; as Danton said to the Legislative Assembly during the French Revolution, "De l'audace, encore de l'audace et toujours de l'audace!"

I am a pensioner of this State, the result of my belief in "free enterprise," and must be careful of what I say. Please omit my name. It makes my blood boil to tell you this. **50 years a Progressive**

What about the farmers?

IOWA FALLS, IOWA

Don't tell us the GUARDIAN has also turned its back on the farmers. After you ran several good stories on farm happenings, our hopes ran high. Here was a real change in progressive journalism. Surely, the GUARDIAN hasn't become a victim of that horrible disease—"urbanitis" — which has so often been fatal to progressive causes.

Howard Larson

The rebuke is justified. In spite of the tremendous pressure on space of world news, we vow to do better by our many farm readers. Ed.

Pumpkin pie

CHICAGO, ILL.

A letter in the Mail Bag reports that U. of California banned the GUARDIAN from the campus bookstore, [temporarily] and that this increased your circulation among the students. The increase is not surprising. It is a sure bet with Americans that if eating pumpkin pie was outlawed, more people would be eating the stuff than ever before. **Neil Blum**

The big apes!

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Eons ago, many of the male monkeys grew weary of the trees and descended to the earth for permanent residence. Dame Nature being what she is, the girl monkeys followed the papas and descended, too. Such a descent for the monkey breed! Nowadays, no self-respecting tree monkeys will acknowledge any relationship whatsoever with earth monkeys. In fact, they regard it as an outrageous slander for either group of monkeys to claim that a tie exists. Is it any wonder? Since the earth monkeys lost their caudal appendages, the males, especially the pure Aryan, pure white, Christian breed, have been boasting of their superiority to the listening females. Particularly have they impressed upon the females the idea of the abysmal inferiority of the latter to the males. Through thousands of years, we have patiently listened to their caterwauling on this point. Now, due to this useless war, we are tired of the performance. **C. P. W.**

GI's in England

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

With Truman about to send thousands more GI's to Britain, these comments by a British colonel (which I read when in Britain recently) on the U.S. "occupation" of his country may make us stop and think:

"There is no point in dwelling on their coarseness, their boasting, and their habits with women. . . . What is more serious is the way they gave our young people a taste for easy money. They had an adverse influence on British honesty —which did really exist—and gave the English doubts about England. . . .To the economic dependence inherent in the Marshall Plan is added the humiliation of military dependence. The British General Staff has become an unimportant offshoot of the American General Staff. More than 15,000 American 'specialists' are in our ports and airdromes. There are 1,000 advisers scattered through all branches of our national economy."

Discussing in the same article the U.S. Army's professional methods, the colonel speaks of "the complete arrogance of these parvenus in war, their ignorance and incredible waste of material, their unforgivable tactical blunders and their selfish desire to get others to mop up after the aerial 'softening.' . . . Their way of preparing the ground reminded me strongly of the mass production of jam." Yet like most of our British friends this military critic of our army distinguishes between our policy makers and the great numbers of decent Americans who want peace and fair play.

Clara M. Vincent

Drawing by E. L. Packard

"Someone must sacrifice, Madame. In the event of war you lose sons; in the event of peace I lose money."

What capitalism means

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH.

I do wish that you were stressing the fact that as long as capitalism remains in the saddle here, the people are always in danger of war.

Of course, you aren't Marxist-Leninists, but surely you can't believe seriously that there's any future in that thing called "progressive capitalism." Progress does not call for the continuance of capitalism, and capitalism has long since ceased to mean progress.

Leslie Hochman

Let's talk socialism

TUJUNGA, CALIF.

For years I have read and supported the left-wing press. I believe your publication is the finest yet. The weekly summary is well-integrated, concise, and balanced. I get the good feeling when I read it: "Here are people who know the score, but aren't frightened by it; who know the truth, but don't stretch it." It is difficult to keep from being shrill in these times. Bravo to the GUARDIAN for telling the facts in a well-modulated voice! This is most necessary if we are to reach new millions—they shy away from the raucous hysteric.

The lesson, to me, of In Fact's foldup is that there is no such thing as objective reporting—except in the telephone directory. Progressive journalism must be firm for the truth, and partisan to progress. Propaganda? Certainly! And why not?

May I give you one reader's desire for the future: Let us have an intense discussion of what real socialism could mean for the U.S. I feel that there is no solution of our frightful choice between war and depression other than the solution of socialism.

There has been very little advocacy of socialism by the American left-wing for the past 15 years. Let us stop this pussy-footing and come to grips with the main problem.

I think your attitude toward the Soviet Union is just right: friendly, understanding, sympathetic — but not sycophantic. **Jack Moore**

A small bow

NEW YORK, N. Y.

If we are not yet at war with Russia—not yet, that is, cracking GI heads with the Russian land masses in Europe—how much of this still faint glimmer of hope can be attributed to the uncompromising peace-seeking of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN?

Surely the GUARDIAN can take a small bow at least, for helping head off evils even greater than the ones we know. **Sidney Bernard**

And the mothers

ALBANY, GA.

I wish I could do something to help those poor, helpless Korean children, those mothers! And what of our own young men? It is unbelievable that such criminal war should have been perpetrated by "America." **Mrs. J. S. Deitchman**

Harry's moral code

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Feb. 8 the papers reported the President as making this speech to a group of Illinois Methodist ministers at the White House:

"The U. S. government has no ambitions as a colonial power or as an exploiter of people or other races. Our only ambition is to see that the people in the world have the things that are necessary to make life worth while and that they have and live by the moral code in which we believe."

In its effrontery I can only compare this to the hymn that was sung by the choir at the funeral of the elder J. P. Morgan in 1913—"For all the saints who from their labors rest!" Since moral codes are particularly in the professional competence of clergymen, can it be possible that none of these 50 Methodist divines was struck by the irony of such a statement made almost coincidentally with the legal lynching of the Martinsville Seven, Eisenhower's invitation to the Nazis to "let bygones be bygones", the release of Krupp cum property and the celebration of this happy event with a champagne breakfast?

Muriel Symington

Your bundle's waiting

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

My subscription expires in April, 1951; before renewing at single subscription, I should like to know whether the rate of $5 for a bundle of five copies weekly for 12 months is still in effect. **Arthur Ackland**

Answer: Yes Sir-ree! Ed.

Solving the crisis

RANSOMVILLE, N.C.

May I suggest the following solution to our American crisis:

1. Relieve the periphery of the Soviet Union of the pressure of American power positions. This will eliminate the main drive of Soviet expansionist policy: the natural impulse to rid herself of the threat of impending power. AMERICA COME HOME!

2. Do not mobilize. Do not rearm. Reduce American armed forces to an establishment suitable in size and equipment solely for the defense of the Western Hemisphere; keep it in the Western Hemisphere; and use it only in case of attack from overseas. DEMILITARIZE!

3 Spend the hundreds of billions of dollars now earmarked for war on a program that really will be effective against communism; a program to put underprivileged Americans soundly on their feet. EQUALIZE!

For if communism comes to America, it will not be brought by Communist invaders from Eurasia. It will come as the reaction of the American people to the inequality of the American system.

There was no communist power when the Russians brought communism to Russia. The Chinese, not the Russians, brought it to China. Every unequal country on earth is fertile ground for communism.

Vernon Ward

Biography of Marc

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I am writing an authorized biography of Vito Marcantonio. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information, anecdotes, correspondence, clippings that would be of value in this work. My address: 545 W. 164th St. Phone: LOrraine 8-4369. **William Mandel**

Build the GUARDIAN—the Peace Paper

II—WHO WANTS WAR—AND WHY?

Blood and $$$ --- What the cold war cost you

By Tabitha Petran

(Second of a series)

IN the five-year cold-war period between V-J Day and Korea, inflation—the result of killing price control and cold-war spending—cost the average American family of four $1,332 in price increases. That's $266 a year per family or $66.50 a year for each man, woman and child in the country.

The price rise in that period totaled over $50,000,000,000. It was pocketed by big business via a profit harvest of $156,000,000,000—$50,000,000,000 more than in World War II's five years. While this before-taxes corporate profit in the cold war was almost 50% higher than in the five years of World War II, profits after taxes were about 100% higher, due to easing of war-time tax loads on big corporations.

YOUR $76 WAR: The Korean war had what the President's Economic Report called "stimulating effect." It sent 1950 profits soaring from an annual rate of $29,000,000,000 in the first quarter to nearly $50,000,000,000 in the final quarter. But for the people it is proving even more costly than the cold war. In its first seven months new price rises took $304 more out of the average family's pocket— or $76 from each person in the country.

The people are doubly out of pocket because they have also carried the heaviest burden of cold-war —and now, war—taxes. The 1950 tax law upped taxes on low incomes 20%; gave corporations tax relief by allowing deductions for building new plants. During the entire World War II period, the government allowed tax deductions for $6,000,000,000 in new plant facilities. In only five months of the Korean war, it has already approved tax deductions for more than $2,000,000,000.

"ORGANIZED ROBBERY": The Truman Administration now proposes to meet its current deficit by even heavier taxes on low incomes—although it could take another $10,000,000,000 from the corporations and still leave profits double those of peak war-time years.

Persons who describe this as organized robbery of the people need not be accused of exaggeration. It is being directed by the same men and financial groups who plotted to reverse Roosevelt's peace policy into a war economy that feeds on international crisis. Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson, former General Electric president, is a top Morgan spokesman who seven years ago led the demand for a "permanent war" program to insure profits.

TWO KINDS OF INTEREST: Wilson picked his aides from Wall St.—largely the Morgan side of the street. He would be glad, he said, to have a labor leader "on his staff"—in an unspecified capacity—provided labor's representative would "divest himself of private interests." His big-business appointees whose companies fatten on war orders and war profits were required to make no such commitments. His two top deputies, who with him constitute a dictatorial triumvirate over the economy, serve W.O.C. (Without Compensation), subsisting nicely on their war-bloated private interests. They are:

• **SIDNEY J. WEINBERG,** senior partner of the investment banking firm Goldman Sachs;

U. E. News

"Our country facing its most critical period and you worry about a silly little thing like eating!"

• **GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY,** board chairman of the Goldman Sachs-Morgan Continental Can Co., on leave. (The company pays his salary while he works as Wilson's supply deputy).

WEINBERG'S INTERESTS: Weinberg and Wilson worked together in World War II's War Production Board. In 1945, at Wilson's behest, Weinberg was made a director of General Electric and Internation GE. His appearance on the board of this top Morgan company was dictated less by his close personal friendship with Wilson than by the fact that. Goldman Sachs had become increasingly a Morgan satellite.

Weinberg holds directorships in a dozen or more companies, including two food trusts (General Foods and National Dairy), one of the big four in rubber (B. F. Goodrich), and Continental Can.

CLAY'S INTERESTS: Lucius Clay, as Continental Can's board chairman, was thus a natural choice to be Wilson's second deputy. As Military Governor in Germany he had sabotaged decartelization (see James S. Martin's book **All Honorable Men**) and denazification, freed Ilse Koch. On his return to the U. S. he was rewarded with directorship in the Lehman Corp., which makes investments for Lehman Bros., and in Marine Midland Trust, N. Y. banking system dominated by the Schoellkopfs of Buffalo (Morgan-Mellon associates in Niagara Hudson Power).

One of Clay's fellow directors in Marine Midland is Eustace Seligman, partner in John Foster Dulles' law firm Sullivan & Cromwell. Dulles' protege. N. Y. Gov. Dewey named Clay director of N. Y. State Civil Defense—now busy scaring N. Y. school kids in "drills" against imaginary atomic attacks.

TIN, RUBBER & WAR: The companies with which Wilson's deputies are associated have been leading cold-war profiteers; all stand astride their industries, which in turn are controlled by one or sometimes two or three financial groups. Their 1950 figures show the quick and enormous profit they reaped from turning the cold war into a hot one:

• **CONTINENTAL CAN,** organized by Goldman Sachs, later moved into the Morgan orbit, controls with Morgan's American Can Co. 92% of the U.S. can business. Both companies operate through subsidiaries throughout the capitalist world. American Can's profit jumped 104% from 1945 to 1949 and another 24% in 1950. Continental's went up 75% 1945 to 1949 and another 17% in 1950. Both companies are converting to war production in anticipation of lush war orders.

• **B. F. GOODRICH,** of which Weinberg is a director, is one of the Big Four controlling about 90% of the U.S. rubber industry. Originally close to Rockefeller, it is now closer to Morgan: its president, John L. Collyer, is a director of J. P. Morgan & Co. (Morgan also has an interest in the other three: in **GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER** it is represented by George A. Sloane of Morgan's Bankers Trust; **U. S. RUBBER** is controlled by Dupont. Morgan, Kuhn Loeb; **FIRESTONE** is related to the Morgans through its interests in Liberia.) Wage Stabilizer Cyrus Ching was U.S. Rubber's labor relations chief for 28 years.

The Big Four's operations are world-wide, and all but Goodrich own plantations in Southeast Asia, Africa or South America. All among World War II's top war contractors, they have hiked profits since the Korean war (1950 over 1949) by 110% (Goodyear); 112% (U. S. Rubber); 110% (Firestone); 76% (Goodrich).

MILKING EXPERTS: The giant food trusts, though not direct war profiteers, reap increased profits from war inflation, have a big stake in keeping the war program hot.

NATIONAL DAIRY (Weinberg is a director) is a Morgan-Goldman Sachs combine which, with Rockefeller's Borden Co., controls over 50% of the U.S. dairy business. These two giants raised the retail price of milk 5½c since Korea. By pushing more milk into the manufacturing market, which pays the farmer less, they have also rooked farmers.

GENERAL FOODS (Weinberg is a director) is another combine engineered by Goldman Sachs, into which the Lehmans and then the Morgans moved. With Morgan's Standard Brands, it dominates the U.S. packaged food business.

One of Charlie Wilson's special assistants is **W. HOWARD CHASE,** on leave from General Foods. General Foods director **EDWIN T. GIBSON** is deputy administrator of William Henry Harrison's Office of Defense Production which—subject to Wilson—makes policy for all production.

(Next week the GUARDIAN will report on production tsar Harrison and his aides.)

Kill, says the U.S.; talk, say Russians

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of imperialism is just as absurd as . . . to accuse it of the occurrence . . . of earthquakes or tides."

• Russia has demobilized 33 age classes since 1945; its armed forces are the same now as in 1939. Without this demobilization it would not have been able to rehabilitate vast war destruction and organize economic advance since the war. In contrast, the U.S., Britain and France have 5,000,000 men under arms (several times what they had in 1939) and are mobilizing industry and men for war. The "Anglo-American bloc" have violated their treaty obligations by rearming and "drawing in" Western Germany with its aims of regaining "lost territories" in the East.

EVEN WINSTON WINCED: The Soviet note was certain to produce a profound effect in Britain, where the N.Y. **Times** last week reported

. . . a deep feeling on the part of many who would object to being called "appeasers" that an agreement could be reached with both Communist China and the Soviet Union if the U.S. really wanted one.

The charge that Britain "has fallen under the subjugation of the U.S." and is "more and more losing her independence" echoed the feelings of many Labourites, Conservatives, Communists and plain patriots, who have picked up the "declaration of independence" slogan NO ANNIHILATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION coined by historian Arnold J. Toynbee.

Even Churchill expressed open resentment when Premier Attlee announced that a U.S. Admiral—William M. Fechteler—will be C-in-C of Atlantic Pact naval forces. Britain's naval pride was wounded, said the press, but the resentment of the British people was much deeper. Under the squeeze of rearmament "the Socialist principle of fair shares for all is beginning to give way to what amounts to a two-tiered ration system" (N.Y. **Times** report from London) in hich, for blue-sky prices, the wealthy can get all the meat and delicacies they want. "Unofficial" strikes were spreading to thousands of railway and dock workers.

Prace, Prague

How can such fingers sign for peace?

U.S. civil defense chief Millard Caldwell inspected British defense measures against A-bombs and gave Britons this reassurance:

"You will find that your people will take atomic bombs just like they took the others. . . . The British public greatly overestimates the dangers of radiation from atomic bombing."

"GHASTLY CUDDLING UP": Peace With China Councils" were reported springing up in dozens of communities. Liberals and anti-Communist Labourites were rallying in swarms to the position of G. D. H. Cole, famous right-wing theoretician of British socialism. Before Oxford's Peace With China Council Cole called British policy "ghastly" and denounced "cuddling up" to Washington as "bound to end in the destruction of this country." In a personal manifesto in the **New Statesman & Nation** Cole wrote that he considered the Korean war a civil war and "wanted the North to win," adding:

If Great Britain gets dragged into war with China by the Americans, I shall be on the side of China, and so, I believe, will be enough of my fellow countrymen to make a deep rift in our national solidarity. If Great Britain agrees to rearm Western Germany, I shall feel unable to take any further part in exhorting the British workers to make an all-out productive effort in order to produce arms for a war in Europe that will no longer be in any sense a war for freedom and democracy.

World peacemakers adopt 5-point plan

FLAGS and bright placards decorated the enormous hall of the House of the Press in East Berlin; present were 400 delegates from 81 nations for the first meeting of the World Peace Council since its formation at the Second World Peace Congress last November. The opening session was presented with this five-point peace plan by Pietro Nenni, veteran Italian Socialist leader and vice-president of the Council:

1. Return of UN to its prime function of preserving peace, as against its present use as "an instrument of the provocative and aggressive American policy."

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2. Withdrawal of the UN charge of aggression against China.

3. A meeting of the Big Five (including China) on Far Eastern problems; a meeting of the Big Four on unification and demilitarization of Germany.

4. Rejection of the "deceitful pretext" that the purpose of the Atlantic Pact is to maintain the freedom of nations.

5. Organization of an international "resistance movement" against armaments.

War is not inevitable, Nenni said, but "peace is hanging only by a thread which criminal hands can cut at any moment." Other speakers charged that the greatest danger to peace is the rearmament of Germany and Japan.

"TREASON" SPREADS . . . : In the U. S. preparations were going ahead for a peace pilgrimage to Washington March 15, sponsored by the newly-organized American Peace Crusade. The date of the march was postponed from March 1 to allow time for better organization; more than 3,000 persons are expected to participate.

Government opposition to the move increased. Radio commentator Fulton Lewis Jr. reported that Asst. Secy. of State Francis Russell called a special meeting of some 50 representatives of assorted organizations to "alert" them against the pilgrimage. The House Committee on Un-American Activities charged it is intended "to promote treason against the U.S."

Secy. Acheson called the new organization a continuation of the "far-flung propaganda effort of the international Communist movement." To this Crusade spokesmen replied:

"We predict a curious and most unexpected response to the unbridled attack. . . . The suspicion is dawning on more and more earnest Americans that the specter really haunting Washington is the specter of peace. . . . The reaction of Mr. Acheson's blast is going to be a bigger peace pilgrimage than was originally planned."

. . . AND SPREADS . . . : In **Minneapolis** some 200 delegates attended a

two-day Peace Conference opened by Elmer Benson, Progressive Party chairman, and founded by Minnesotans for Peace. They set 100,000 signatures on the Peace Crusade's peace ballots as a goal within 60 days, after which another conference is planned.

In **Iowa** a state-wide peace petition was being circulated in preparation for a later peace conference; the drive is headed by Rev. M. E. Dorr of Osage.

In **North Carolina** 150 leading citizens in 40 cities and towns signed an open letter to the President urging

. . . our nation's leaders to undertake negotiations with the governments of the world within the frame-work of a representative UN, including the Soviet Union and the new government of China, to secure a speedy end to the Korean war.

GANNETT HAS HAD IT: More upper-level opposition to the Truman war policies came from Frank Gannett, extreme right-wing Republican and publisher of a chain of newspapers in upstate New York. He wrote:

We might as well write off Korea as a disastrous mistake—a mistake for which President Truman and his Administration must take the responsibility.

Gannett also urged the government to "proceed with caution" in Europe. Polls conducted by his papers showed overwhelming majorities for withdrawing from Korea and against sending troops to Europe.

POLITICS

PP fights HCL, tax hikes; gets bomb

THERE was no election scheduled anywhere in the country last week. Yet Progressive Parties were as busy on many fronts as they had been in any critical November.

Progressives fought on issues ranging from the price of ground meat in California to freedom of the air in Wisconsin to peace everywhere.

The West Valley Club of California's Independent Progressive Party in a leaflet cited the price rise in a few items such as ground meat (65c in 1950, 91c now), compared the rise in profits under a war economy. (Facts available in almost any issue of the GUARDIAN.) Accompanying the leaflet was a three-point petition to the President:

- Roll back prices and rents to their lowest point in 1950.
- No wage freeze.
- Veto any tax bill that contains a sales tax or which is designed to hit hardest at the lowest incomes.

Shoppers asked IPP petitioners whether they could sign it even though they were registered Republicans and Democrats.

SAME OLD STAND: In Los Angeles the Eastside Club of the IPP re-opened a campaign to tear down jimcrow walls around the multi-million-dollar housing project of Wyvernwood, hitherto lilywhite and reportedly discriminating against Jews and Mexican-Americans. Real-estate operator Harry Jaffe recently bought the project for $5,000,000, and in response to IPP protests has agreed to—but not yet scheduled—a community conference.

The IPP stepped up a chain-letter campaign with the objective of 1,000,000 peace letters to Truman. Its peace stand brought it under fire last month when a cyanide bomb was hurled through the plate-glass window of the San Diego office. There was no one in the office at the time. The bomb which could have set fire to the place fizzled out harmlessly. This note was attached:

We know that this is a Kommunist Front Organization. Therefore we highly rekommend that all members kwit the party while there is still time. In case of warr with Russia and her satilites, we will be forced to elimunate all members of the party and we know hoo the are. The next rade will be more severe.

County Chairman Jesse Ghant said: "We will be here at the same old stand."

MILK IN OREGON: Milk is the issue in Oregon, where the PP Executive Board opened a campaign for public ownership of milk production and distribution "to guarantee that all families desiring it shall receive adequate fluid milk without profit to producers and distributors."

AIR IN WISCONSIN: "Continuity definitely off-color," was the terse criticism Station WATW, Ashland, Wisc., leveled at the script for a radio talk

Krokodil, Moscow

Under suspicion

by Edmund V. Bobrowicz, just returned from the Second World Peace Congress at Warsaw. With that, the station canceled the program. Time had already been paid for by the People's Progressive Party of Wisconsin.

Similar cancellations came from WJMS, Ironwood, Mich., and WREX, Duluth. Michael Essin, PPP chairman, filed charges with the Federal Communications Commission.

FREEDOM IN MISSOURI: In Harry Truman's backyard Missouri Progressives prepared for a bitter fight. In the Legislature two bills were introduced: No. 214, a state-size McCarran Bill, and No. 84 which would bar all parties receiving less than 5% of the vote, require new parties to file 25,000 petitions (200 from each of half the counties), bar any party "indirectly associated" with "subversive groups."

Similar legislation died quietly last year. The threat is far greater this year and Missouri Progressives are widely scattered. The fight against 214 and 84 can rally them. Funds and manpower are needed urgently at state headquarters, 3345 Delmar, St. Louis, Mo.

FREEDOMS

The Trenton Case

Records confirm defense theories

IN pre-trial hearings before Judge Ralph J. Smalley at Trenton, N.J., last week, many of the voluminous records which Trenton Six attorneys have called "absolutely necessary" to the defense finally came to light

The six Negroes of Trenton were convicted in 1948 of the murder of furniture-dealer William Horner during an attempted hold-up in his Trenton store.

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THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S POSITION

Let the people be heard on a peaceful alternative

On Feb. 20 C. B. Baldwin, secretary of the Progressive Party, presented before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees the party's position on the Wherry resolution to limit the number of U. S. troops to be sent abroad. Excerpts of Baldwin's testimony appear below.

YOUR HEARINGS on the Wherry resolution may well determine whether we shall have peace or war. The issues involved go far beyond the words of the resolution itself. The first is the assumption by the President and the Executive of the right to override the constitutional powers of the Congress to declare war. The second, even more important, is the basis of our present foreign policy.

The American people fear an irresponsible and unconstitutional act by their President which would lead to war. There is grave danger that this Committee, by hasty action, may further abdicate the powers of Congress to the President.

The decision of the President to enter the Korean conflict was made without any congressional sanction and, as Walter Lippmann sharply reminded us, the decision to send ground troops was made by Mr. Truman without even consultation with congressional leaders. President Truman's actions set a dangerous precedent. I have not yet seen that challenge to constitutional authority questioned in these hearings.

BUT NO ALTERNATIVE: There has been no genuine debate on our foreign policy because the American people have been offered no real alternative. Truman, Dewey and Eisenhower on the one hand, and Hoover and Taft on the other, offer two approaches to war but no alternatives to war. Neither reflects the true desire of the American people for peace.

The participants in this debate may hope to win votes but they can't win peace. It is deeply significant that while the overwhelming desire of the American people is to withdraw our troops from Korea, the great debaters discuss how many troops should be sent to Europe.

The American people have never

C. B. BALDWIN
Turn about is fair play

been given a sane accounting of the facts, never been honestly told that there is a real alternative to the bankrupt Truman foreign policy of unlimited intervention.

Despite the promises, four years of the Truman Doctrine have brought no peace. They have brought us closer to war. It is now obvious that the American people have lost confidence not only in the Administration's bankrupt foreign policy but in its capacity to make any policy.

SMOKESCREEN OF FEAR: This is the time for a real re-examination of our foreign policy. The Administration propagandists may be able to drown out the Russian "peace offensives"—but they can't drown out the genuine desire for peace of the American people. Each time the Administration is faced with a new demand for a change in its foreign policy, it creates a new crisis, unleashes a new scare, starts up a new witch-hunt, and asks for additional military appropriations and more youth for the armed services.

Each new step toward war is presented as a step toward peace. As the **Wall Street Journal** pointed out, we have been given one "reassuring statement" after another—and everyone embroils "us in deep commitments which the same Administration once solemnly assured us it had 'no intention' of undertaking."

The end is, as we all know, an atomic war of annihilation. On the road to it, we are spending $140,000,000,000 in the next two years, wasting our resources, lowering our standard of living, and moving into a garrison state. Instead of continuing on the road to destruction, I propose that we turn completely around.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK: The policy of containment is an utter failure. Our future policy must be based on co-existence. With this shift in policy, a conference between the socialist and capitalist nations could reach agreement on all outstanding issues and so remove the danger of war and the burden of armaments. I, therefore, propose that you call upon the President to convene a five-power conference to settle these differences.

Mr. Hoover suggested the other day that your Committee hold hearings in Europe before reaching a decision. I respectfully suggest that your Committee hold hearings in every state of the union and let the people of the United States really be heard on the peaceful alternative to the bankrupt foreign policy of this Administration.

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The N.J. Supreme Court reversed the decision; a new trial begins March 5.

DEFENSE CONTENDED THIS: Like their predecessors in the first trial, attorneys now representing the Six have contended the records—which the Mercer County Prosecutor and his staff have suppressed for three years—would show that:

- No fingerprints of the accused were found on the alleged murder weapons.
- Descriptions of the suspects originally sought, as broadcast in eight-state teletype alarms, bore no resemblance to any of the Six.
- Photographs introduced by the State as evidence had been deliberately distorted.
- Records establishing that some of the defendants were far from the scene when the crime was committed had been impounded and thereafter tampered with by the State.
- Two detectives in charge of the original investigation had asked to be relieved, after submitting reports indicating they believed the defendants innocent.
- Police blotters, notebooks and reports would establish the innocence of the Six; reveal why the prosecutor had spirited away and kept hidden the "mystery man" in the case, handyman Jerry Griswold, who lived and worked at the Horner store for 12 months before the murder and disappeared the day it happened; provide a basis in fact for a public statement made a month before the first trial by Director of Public Safety Andrew J. Duch, that the Trenton police had "bungled" the case.

Failure of Judge Charles P. Hutchinson to let the defense inspect these records at the first trial was the key reason given by the N.J. Supreme Court in reversing the original conviction of the Trenton Six a year and a half ago.

PULLING TEETH: Of the records that came to light last week in Judge Smalley's court, only a few have thus far been surrendered to the defense, but these few already substantiated some of the defense's most vital contentions.

Getting the disputed records into court was like pulling teeth. For the first two days of the hearing, a dozen or more policemen, ordered by the court to appear with their records, not only failed to produce the records but denied knowledge or possession of them.

Finally Judge Smalley summoned Asst. Prosecutor Frank Lawton into his chambers. What the judge said is not a matter of official record, but courtroom gossip said he laid down the law to the prosecution, demanding that the withheld records be produced.

RECORDS "MISLEADING": Immediately following this conference, the empty-handed witnesses of the two days before began turning up with records by the armful.

Still fighting to keep the missing records from the defense, Lawton implored the court to impound them, claiming they were "misleading and could be misused" and accusing the defense of a "fishing expendition."

The judge impounded many of the documents—thus still preventing the defense from examining them immediately—but said the defense motion to inspect them might be renewed when the trial opens.

DEFENSE FOUND THIS: The few records handed over to the defense—about a tenth of those requested—contain substantial evidence that:

- Two days after the present six defendants were arraigned for the Horner murder on the basis of alleged "confessions," eight-state police teletype alarms were still being broadcast for four men differing completely by description from any of the Six.
- These original descriptions of the suspects are still the official record of the Trenton police dept., although six entirely different men now for the second time face death for the crime.
- One month before the first trial began in the summer of 1948, the police captain of the precinct where the present Six were rounded up was released from his command and a wholesale investigation of the police dept. launched. "Someone isn't telling the truth," Public Safety Director Duch explained. But the investigation never came off.
- In the original trial, official photographs of the interior of the Horner store were introduced to reconstruct for the jury how the crime took place. These are now shown to have been made from negatives cropped as much as a full inch around the borders, eliminating many details which the defense contends can explode the State's charge that the murder occurred during an attempted hold-up.
- Police Identification Bureau chief Lt. Alvin Sharpe said no fingerprints at all were found on the soda bottles which the State contends were the murder weapons. (The State refused to submit its fingerprint record in the original trial).

Marc leads fight for U.S. liberties

AMERICAN FREEDOMS were being attacked—and defended—on many fronts last week. Spearhead of the defense was the fight against the McCarran Internal Security Act.

NEW YORK. Former Rep. Vito Marcantonio, serving as attorney for the Communist Party, called government efforts to block an early court test of the law's constitutionality "shocking." The government's argument that the CP must submit to hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board before making a court challenge, he said, was "no government by law, but government by decree." . . . WASHINGTON. The House passed a bill modifying the law to allow entry to the U.S. of "involuntary" fascists and Nazis. . . . LOS ANGELES. Sen. Pat McCarran announced that investigators for his Senate Judiciary subcommittee—"former FBI men"—are at work here. . . . NEW YORK. A Committee to Aid Constitutional Challenges of the McCarran Act was formed, headed by Clemens J. France of Providence, R.I., and Jeremiah C. Ingersoll, N.Y. . . . The labor editor of the **Morning Freiheit,** left-wing Yiddish-language newspaper, was arrested for deportation after 42 years' residence in the U.S.

"JUSTICE FOR McGEE": Violence—legal and extra-legal—was still being used against Negro citizens.

NEW YORK. Mrs. Rosalee McGee arrived from Mississippi to start a northern tour to save the life of her husband, Willie McGee, sentenced to die in the electric chair March 20 on a charge of rape. Seventy-five trade union leaders sign a pledge of "our determination and our very lives if necessary to combat and defeat the iniquitous pattern of lynching to the end that Willie McGee shall not die." . . . WASHINGTON . . . A "national people's delegation" to save McGee, organized by the Civil Rights Congress, will meet here March 16-20. At the same time two delegations—one of religious leaders, one of white women—will go to Mississippi. . . . CANADA. The League for Democratic Rights and its 20 affiliates called upon President Truman "to see that democratic justice and decency prevail in such cases as that of Willie McGee and the Trenton Six."

New outrage in Virginia

PULASKI, VA. Many of this town's white notables (mayor, two judges, district attorney, a number of police) attend funeral services for Negro Dr. Santa Cruz, murdered by white hoodlums when he tried to prevent them molesting a 17-year-old Negro girl. Two of them are in jail awaiting trial. White friends of the slain dentist are raising a fund to hire an out-of-town Negro lawyer to aid the prosecution. A local paper reported:

> **The swift action of the police in apprehending suspects in the slaying did much to prevent an outburst of racial violence.**

RICHMOND, VA. News of Dr. Santa Cruz's murder reached here the day Francis Grayson, last of the Martinsville Seven, was buried. Author-lecturer William Mandel reported to the GUARDIAN from Richmond:

> **The Pulaski outrage caused a spontaneous desire to make Grayson's funeral a mass protest; the throng was so great the majority could not get into the mortuary. Police tried to interfere, but the people turned on them so vigorously that they gave up. Two of Grayson's honorary pallbearers were white women; two of the actual bearers were white.**

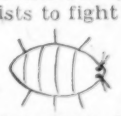
THE LIBERAL ROAD TO RUIN

ADA for rearmed Reich

By Vito Marcantonio

LAST WEEK-END the ADA threw off the mask of liberalism and, in the presence of notable New Dealers, so-called labor leaders and professional "liberals", it came out flatly for the rearming of Germany.

A year ago people were shocked when James Carey of the CIO said he would join with Fascists to fight Communism.



The ADA's statement last weekend showed that Carey's remark was no mere figure of speech but the inevitable conclusion for those who hitch themselves to the bi-partisan foreign policy.

I DON'T WASTE TEARS over the prostitution of the ADA. It is headed by a collection of professional weepers for a lost liberalism who have become camp-followers of the bipartisan war crowd. But there are a lot of people, unfortunately, who were taken in by the ADA leaders, or at least their names; and it is the job of progressives, as well as all others who love America, to challenge these as liberal leaders—and in their home base.

We must organize our neighbors so they won't let any Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., for example, try to laugh off the fact that he is vice-chairman of the organization which voted for rearming Germany. And progressives must organize the voters of Minnesota to demand what ADA Sen. Hubert Humphrey is up to. Also I want to see progressives help rank-and-file members of the ILGWU and the UAW understand that their leaders have completely turned their backs on the policies of Roosevelt and have joined hands with Truman and Dewey in a policy that is leading to war and impoverishing the American people.

THE OTHER DAY Senator Fulbright accused the President of accepting a low level of conduct in the RFC. The RFC "fixers" will make the Truman-Harry Vaughn five-percenters look like pikers when they are fully exposed.

I'll have something to say about that matter later. But what about that bipartisan foreign policy which has brought about so low a level of political conduct on the part of our erstwhile liberal leaders? What about finding the son of our war-time President, a former attorney general, leaders of the trade unions, supporting the rearming of Germany? What about Robert Patterson, the liberal former Secretary of War, who now rushes to the defense, for pay, of the German cartel?

And then they raise their hands in holy horror about the morals of college basketball players!

BESSIE McGEE & ROSALEE McGEE
Mother and wife fight on

World tributes to DuBois

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL. M. Avishavl, Hebrew poet and playwright, and S. Eisenstadt, historian, scholar and a leader of the Mapam political party, hailed Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, top U.S. Negro scholar now under indictment as an unregistered foreign agent for having headed the former Peace Information Center. . . . NEW YORK. 2,500 persons braved a pouring rain to honor Dr. DuBois at a mass rally called by the American Labor Party. . . . Essex House, leading hotel, canceled reservations for a testimonial dinner to Dr. DuBois on his 83rd birthday, Friday, Feb. 23. The dinner, sponsored by a national committee of 300 leading educators, writers, religious leaders, scientists, was held instead in Small's Paradise in Harlem; more than 600 attended, 300 more turned away. All three scheduled speakers, including Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Mordecai Johnson, withdrew. Greetings came to Dr. DuBois from leaders in the fight for peace all over the world.

NEW YORK. City Councilman Earl Brown announced he will introduce a bill for "appropriate action" in the refusal of the County Grand Jury to indict two Harlem policement who shot Negro John Derrick to death in the streets last Dec. 7. The two cops were given top Police Dept. awards for their capture of an armed robbery suspect. The NAACP demanded the case be reopened. A mass rally at the spot where Derrick died demanded punishment for his killers. Rep. A. Clayton Powell called for a federal investigation.

Witch-hunts unlimited

NASHVILLE, TENN. The legislature got a bill to require loyalty oaths of all persons licensed by the state, including barbers. . . AUSTIN, TEX. A bill requiring Communists to register with the state police went to the governor's desk. . . . INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The House passed a bill to outlaw communism. . . . CHAPEL HILL, N.C. The legislature got a little McCarran Act bill. . . SACRAMENTO, CALIF. The legislature got a bill to allow defense industries to fire "subversive" suspects. . . . SYRACUSE, N.Y. Irving Feiner, whose conviction for disorderly conduct because of a 1949 street-meeting speech was upheld by the Supreme Court, began serving a 30-day sentence. . . . WASHINGTON. Two Un-

American Activities Committee investigators went to Hollywood, reportedly with subpenas for 10 or 20 movie figures. . . . For the second time, U.S. Parole Board refused to release seven of the Hollywood 10 still in prisons. . . .

WASHINGTON. Trials began of 17 persons under contempt indictment for refusing to answer un-A.A.C. questions. First one, United Electrical Workers official Julius Emspak, was convicted. . . . NEW YORK. More than 200 lawyers, outstanding professors, clergymen, lawyers, writers, others petitioned U.S. Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath to withdraw proceedings against the 17.

FARM N.Y. City-county parley maps joint action; DiSalle threatens parity; FU redbaiter licked

By Lawrence Emery

IT WAS THE DAY of the year's worst rainstorm in New York City, but more than 200 persons splashed through it to attend an all-day City-Country Conference called by the Farmer-Labor-Consumer Council and backed by five labor organizations, five tenants' organizations, three farm cooperatives, one neighborhood club, and the eastern divn. of the Natl. Farmers Union. Some delegates traveled 400 miles to get there. Their main concern:

> "To foster and develop educational activities leading to better understanding, greater friendship and closer relations between city wage-earners and family farmers."

One prime way to achieve this, they decided, was to establish more non-profit food stations in New York and other cities where consumers get fresh products at low cost and "provide the family farmer with a friendly and expanding market."

HOW TO USE CHAOS: Harry Truman's price control and stabilization program was singled out for sharpest attack:

> "Instead of stopping inflation, it is promoting further inflation; instead of curbing retail prices, it is only making profiteering more profitable; and instead of protecting the public, it menaces the living standards of both city and country people, farmers, workers and consumers. We reject the effort being made to play the city against the country and to blame the failure of the price-control program upon farmers."

(Three days later, on Wednesday, the Senate Committee reported its findings in a study of recent price increases: "These data show that all of the recent retail price increases are not the result of higher farm prices.")

The conference concluded that the government is

> ". . . now trying to use the chaos [produced by the price control program] as an excuse for putting through a national sales tax, higher excise taxes, or other measures to lower living standards."

PARITY THREATENED: What the farmer faces nationally under the new program was hinted during the week in **Des Moines, Ia.**, by Price Director Michael DiSalle; he is thinking of asking Congress to permit food prices to be frozen below parity levels. He said:

> "Should the next two or three months indicate that the parity concept interferes with our efforts to secure economic stability, we shall have no other course than to recommend its modification."

(Parity is the relationship between what the farmer gets for his products and what he must pay for the goods and materials he buys; anything less than 100% parity puts him in an economic squeeze).

A YAWN FOR RED-BAITING: In **Omaha, Neb.**, delegates to a convention of the Nebraska FU rejected candidate Elton Berck who campaigned on a straight anti-communism platform, re-elected Chris Milius to his 11th straight term as president. The Omaha **World Herald** reported:

> Despite Mr. Berck's speech, however, the subject of communism wah not brought up again before the convention.

Resolutions adopted included one opposing the drafting of 18-year-old farm youth.

ALL FOR $5: From **Madison, Minn.**, Natl. FU President James G. Patton received a letter from a young member, Ed Smogard Jr., who holds several of union achievement awards. He wrote:

> I am losing out as a family-type farmer which the FU is organized to protect; but it is not the corporation-type farmer that is squeezing me off the farm, just yet. It is the corporation-sponsored foreign policy and war program. You see—I am being drafted. So while the Farmers Union has been attacking "corporation farming," the real villain in the form of a reactionary foreign policy has not been attacked sufficiently by our organization. Consequently, the young farmers of America, such as myself, are being marched off to fight for colonialism and landlordism by big landlords here at home. What has my $5 membership done to keep me on the farm? Can't the leaders of the FU see what's happening?

HARRY'S REWARD: In **North Dakota** two FU members got an insight into the trend of events. Early in 1950 the North Dakota FU boarded the Truman bandwagon. Two of its members, Gorman King and Henry Anderberg, were moved into the top leadership as campaign director and treasurer. Last week they got their reward: at a surprise meeting of the Democratic state central committee at Fargo the two were purged from their posts.

Other farmers awoke to some realities when Treasury Secy. Snyder urged the government to levy regular corporation income taxes against funds held in reserve by cooperatives. (For years farmers have battled highly-organized and heavily-financed drives by big business to tax co-ops out of existence.)

TOWN AND COUNTRY—PROGRESSIVE STYLE
Old friends who got together at the recent Eastern union farmers' convention in Trenton recently. L. to r.: Fred Stover; Tom Sullivan, chairman of Farmer-Trade Union Council of N.Y.-N.J.; Mildred McAdory, Local 40, United Furniture Workers.

THE MEMBERS SEETHE: From the state of **Washington** a GUARDIAN reader reported "seething grass-roots agitation in the FU for membership participation and more democracy for the rank and file." Natl. FU headquarters flew one of its top men out to attend an all-day meeting in Puyallup, where members demanded and won the right to hold regular rank-and-file regional conferences and district meetings to discuss legislative and other problems.

In the same state the Capitol Local in Olympia unanimously adopted a resolution

> . . . requesting our national president, who for many years has been in the forefront in the battle for democratic principles, to use his influence to halt the un-Farmers Union approach to the situation in Iowa.

The situation in **Iowa**: Following a public attack by Patton upon Fred Stover, Iowa FU president, a small group of Patton supporters sought to oust Stover and seize control of the organization. The union's funds are tied up and many of its activities crippled by court action taken by the group. Behind the dispute is rank-and-file opposition to the national leadership's general support of Administration policies, its specific suport of the war in Korea. Stover is one of the country's staunchest advocates of peace, most militant farm leader in behalf of 100% parity and the Brannan Plan, against monopoly control of U.S. economy.

Bradley asked for it

Morally and fundamentally the free world has the undeniable power of a better idea. . . . And for the moment, we are the trusted leaders of this crusade. But in order to win we must provide the kind of leadership that free men can respect and support.

—Gen. Omar Bradley at presentation of Freedoms Foundation awards at Valley Forge on Washington's Birthday.

Jackson provided it

. . We used to giggle at Goebbels, Hitler and Mussolini. . . . We had been going on the assumption that truth was sufficient—but truth is not enough. . . . [The three factors weighing heaviest in the balance of our ideological battle with the Kremlin are] money, no holds barred and no questions asked.

—C. D. Jackson, former publisher of Fortune, now pres. of the Natl. Committee for a Free Europe, at Princeton University the same day (as reported in the N. Y. Times.)

Cradle snatcher

Sen. Ed. C. Johnson (D-Col.), a politician's politician, always sends to new-born Colorado voters-to-be a copy of the government pamphlet **Infant Care.** One such arrived in the mail box of Hester Jill Harris of Englewood, Col., aged six weeks. It was sent in an envelope bearing the return address of the old Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Hester Jill's father, novelist Mark Harris, sat down at his typewriter and wrote the Senator:

> It seems to me you are rushing matters. . . . I do not like this business of lining her up with the military when she is no sooner home from the hospital. . . . I want her took off that committee pronto. . . . I will be damned if I will give you my 6-weeks-old baby. . . .

Hester Jill could not be reached for comment.

There's no money in music . . .

. . . But the lark's a millionaire!

By Aaron Kramer

THEY all loved Kreymborg in the old days: applauded each new book, honored him in their anthologies. Around 1925 Havelock Ellis called him "the finest American humanist since Walt Whitman." Some months ago his latest volume appeared: the literary world has hardly acknowledged its existence.

Are poets no longer rewarded for their work in our land? Nonsense! The rewards come thick and fast. Two years ago it was Ezra Pound, hater of Jews and Negroes, lover of Mussolini. Last year it was T. S. Eliot, self-styled royalist who, unable to endure America's vulgar mobs, fled to London where he could mock the Jews more comfortably, cry out against April more resoundingly, and be the spokesman for his "hollow men." This year it is E. E. Cummings, enemy of the democratic tradition, who celebrates death and finds only whores, drunks, or idiots worthy of his rhymes.

Where can a Kreymborg hope to fit in? **He** actually (naive soul) **loves**—and dedicates his book to—one "whose heart and eyes are fair under all skies." He loves the sun—the same sun that his contemporaries tell us to "be angry at." "Must you go on with the old, the cold, the dead?" he upbraids them.

PEOPLE LIKE FLOWERS: Never does Kreymborg climb to the top of that fashionable tower, from which others gaze down with disdain upon the ant-like crowd. "I gave my star to a common song . . ." he declares: "on a ship with Everyman aboard." He cries out, while the prized ones smile in silence, against a world "where Jews are calmly slaughtered for Christianity," where the Negro is made "a horse to work the field," where a crippled soldier, unemployed, comes through the park "Stark and blue, blue and stark / With human pain, inhuman pain."

ALFRED KREYMBORG
He loves life, not death

For Kreymborg "every man counts in our angry world." He goes in May with the "children of Life, swarming over the hill like flowers, flowers." With them he hears "the sound of war" and is terrified at the thought of "the regimental call of rolling drums." With them he cries out: "NO MORE WAR IN THE BIRTH OF SPRING!" and condemns the old men—"demons in human form"—whose "selfish hides belong to no native land" and who now, for the sake of "their cold power," would "prevail upon the young to sacrifice their dawn."

Eliot is (in his own words) one of "the old men"; but not Kreymborg, who sings: "Before I send the young to war / I'd rather die today." He "goes to school" with the young, and tells them: "We're one circle / Faithful to every spot of human earth / That changes for the better."

CASH IS NOT ALL: What a man; what a poet; what a brave and beautiful book! If it brings few reviews and no prizes, there are still some consolations.

"My life derives more beauty out of truth," he explains, and reminds us (chuckling in his inimitable way) that "There's no money in the music / But the lark's a millionaire!"

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Pablo Neruda's poems

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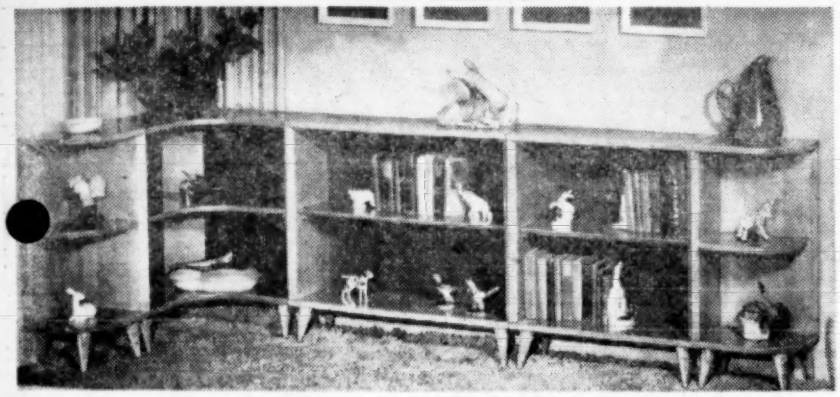

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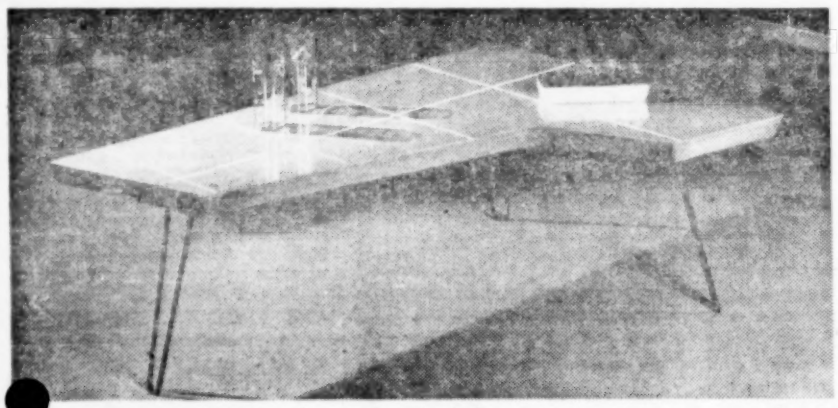

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PRICE TAGS on furniture have been raised three times in the last seven months. That's a serious jolt to families moving into new homes or trying to refurbish their old ones.

There's one sensible way to save on living room furniture—this department has mentioned it before: buy sofas and chairs in the muslin instead of those covered with expensive upholstery which is rarely seen because the trend nowadays is to keep on slip-covers all year. It's really a sound trend, since slip-covers may be easily removed and washed, while upholstered pieces are hard to clean and an extra expense if a professional cleaner is to be called in.

Poor-quality furniture is rarely made with a muslin covering, so if you buy in the muslin, you know you're buying good quality. In such pieces the upholstery fabric is generally placed right over the stuffing.

(Editor's note: The Guardian Buying Service agrees with the Dollar Stretcher's recommendation above. The Buying Service plans to investigate possibilities of offering sofas and chairs "in the muslin" to GUARDIAN readers at special prices.)

Best types of slip covers

Whether you have slip covers made up by a professional or make them yourself (patterns are available for homemaking), you will save money by having two sets made at the same time—perhaps one in a more formal pattern for winter, and the other "summery."

Best types of slip covers are smooth, heavy cotton materials; smooth to resist dirt and heavy to lie flat without wrinkling. It's important that the fabric be closely-woven (hold it up to the light to check) not only for sturdy wear, but to prevent dust from sifting through.

DANGER OF SHRINKAGE: Be sure the material is guaranteed colorfast and is pre-shrunk so you can wash the covers and avoid dry cleaning expense.

Materials that make satisfactory slip covers are cretonne, denim, twill, permanently-glazed chintz, galatea, rep, French ticking, sateen and permantly-glazed chintz. Corduroy is attractive and wears well but tends to collect dust. Percale and gingham are easy to wash but wrinkle easily.

Ready-made covers are available in the stores at much less cost than having them tailored to order, but they don't fit so well. Some ready-made covers now come with elastic-threaded backs which have a little better fit. But it's advisable to make sure the store will take back ready-made covers for a refund if you're not satisfied.

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